

SUMMER 2007

# Classnotes

## 1940s

**Charles Ross, MD '47**, writes from San Leandro, CA: "I retired in 1986 after 40 years in pediatrics in Hayward, CA. I can't attend our 60th reunion, but would love to get words or pictures from classmates! Hi to Jim Phillips." Address: Charley Ross, 1759 View Drive, San Leandro, CA 94577.

## 1950s

**Melvin Dyster, MD '52**, writes from Niagara Falls, NY: "I'm still working 45-plus hours a week, but no night calls—private office two days a week; family practice residency two and a half days a week; Red Cross and Medical Reserve Corps, one-half day a week. I see hospital patients of mine on Saturday and Sunday! I'm active organizing and running Niagara County Medical Reserves Corps." E-mail address: mbd3918@adelphia.net.

**Joseph E. Genewich, MD '52**, writes from Lockport, NY: "We have remained in our home in Lockport and enjoy the full extent of Niagara County with its lake effect snow storms and abundant agricultural produce. Our volunteer work with Hospice is over, due to my lack of an up-to-date pharmaceutical and medical knowledge, but it has left me with an intense sense of gratitude for those years. We continue to create a 'park' in a 12-acre wooded outland area that includes multiple perennial beds, as well. The multiplicity of the latter thankfully creates an increased intellectual activity. We have traded our long-used camper for a motel visa and our main prayer is that somehow our five children in their 50s can produce our first grandchild." E-mail address is genewich@msw.com.

**Kurt Wegner, MD '52**, writes from Youngstown, OH: "I'm still working six months a year for Tod Children's Hospital in

Youngstown. I got certified in geriatrics and run a clinical genetics program. Unfortunately, I lost Margot." E-mail address: kwegner@neo.rr.com.

**Axel Anderson III, MD '57**, writes from Winter Park, FL: "Joanna and I celebrated our 50th anniversary in 2005. Sons Axel IV and Michael practice urology and allergy here in Orlando. We have seven grandchildren, scattered at UF and FSU. I retired in 1996 as chief of medicine, hematology, oncology at Orlando Regional Medical Center. Hobbies include golf, painting, bridge, listening to Joanna play the piano."

**Arthur Beck, MD '57**, writes: "After 44-plus years, I retired in October 2005 from the Olean Medical Group, where I practiced dermatology. My office nurse of 24 years, Cindy Polasik, RN, has been my 'life partner' over the last 12 years."

**Martin H. Hansen, MD '57**, writes from Brentwood, CA: "Mary Anna and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary November 6. We have four children and three grandchildren. We decided to semi-retire in California after staffing a mental health clinic in Arkansas. Still working in locum tenens. Enjoying travel." majca@sbcglobal.net.

**John S. Parker, MD '57**, writes from Greensburg, PA: "After 40 years on Apple Hill, we have downsized! No longer will I have one and a half acres. The gardens got to be more than I could keep up with." E-mail address: johnparker330@comcast.net.

**Sherman Woldman, MD '57**, writes from Cape May, NJ: "I'm working as a medical inspector (school M.D.), Lower TWP Elementary schools in Cape May; also, pediatrician Volunteers-in-Medicine Clinic." E-mail is swoldman@comcast.net.

## 1960s

**John Randall Anderson, MD '67**, writes from McKinney, TX: "We finally retired last spring (at age 70) and moved to Texas to share a large home with our eldest son, Dane, his wife Charisse, and grandkids: Mackenzie and Brody, and two dogs and a cat. We have a great communal family and share chores, cooking and fun. I walk 6-10 miles daily and remain in good shape with the Silver Sneakers Program at the McKinney YMCA. We all enjoy exercise and spectator sports: football, baseball, basketball and many convertible rides (top down). I continue my avid interest in the Civil War and other military history, and we all read and trade many books of all types." E-mail address: andyandcarole@tx.rr.com.

**Richard H. Daffner, MD '67**, writes from Pittsburgh, PA: "I have just had the third edition of my best-selling textbook, *Clinical*

*Radiology, the Essentials*, published by Lippincott Williams & Wilkins. I have been named chair of the Select Committee on Musculoskeletal Disease for Appropriateness, of the American College of Radiology." E-mail address: rhdaffner@netscape.net.

**Brian S. Joseph, MD '68**, a forensic psychiatrist, was featured in a *48 Hours* CBS news special that aired October 28, 2006, on national television. The interview concerned a case in Buffalo in which Joseph was involved. Parents who were members of the Church of Scientology were reluctant to give their son, who was schizophrenic, medication, and in 2003 he fatally attacked his mother. After his



arrest and subsequent incarceration, he was given psychotropic medication and improved. Ultimately, he was found "not guilty by reason of insanity" and referred to the Rochester Psychiatric Center's Regional Forensic Unit. Joseph was commended by the president of the American Psychiatric Association for his assistance to CBS News and his appearance on the program. He continues his forensic practice and general psychiatric practice in Buffalo and has remained

a member of the faculty in UB's Department of Psychiatry, where he performs a variety of teaching duties.

## 1970s

**Barry S. Winkler, PhD '71** (physiology), is vice president-elect of the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO), the leading organization dedicated to research, training, publication and dissemination of knowledge in vision and ophthalmology. ARVO has more than 11,500 members in the U.S. and in over 70 countries. Winkler will serve as vice president-elect in 2007-2008 and then as vice president in 2008-2009. He previously served as a member and chair of a visual sciences study section (VIS-C) of the National Institutes of Health and on the editorial board of *Investigative Ophthalmology & Visual Science*, and he presently serves on the board of trustees of ARVO. Winkler is professor of biomedical sciences in the Eye Research Institute of Oakland University in Rochester, MI. E-mail address is winkler@oakland.edu.

**Maxine Hayes, MD '73, MPH**, delivered the Paul Harper Lecture at Johns Hopkins University, Bloomberg, School of Public Health on April 25, 2007. Her presentation was titled "Righting the Wrong of Social Injustice in Health."

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## 1990s

**Howard S. Podolsky, MD '91**, JD, FCLM, writes from Bremerton, WA: "My family and I have fallen in love with the Pacific Northwest! I have been recruited to the position of vice president of quality and chief medical officer for Harrison Medical Center. This is the largest acute care health-care organization on the Kitsap and Olympic Peninsulas. This role has afforded me the opportunity to use my clinical and legal (health law) skills every day in facing the many challenges currently affecting community health-care organizations. I am tasked with many goals and objectives, including the development of a primary care residency program. With a wonderful view of the ocean and the Cascade Mountains each and every morning, we have truly arrived in

paradise! Gina and I were blessed with the arrival of Maxwell (Max) almost three years ago. He continues to challenge and amaze us each and every day." [HSPodolsky@mac.com](mailto:HSPodolsky@mac.com)

**Emme Nylander, MD, '96**, has joined Lifetime Health



Medical Group and began seeing obstetrics and gynecology


patients in February at the Amherst University, Empire Drive and William E. Mosher health centers. After earning her medical degree from UB, Nylander completed her residency in OB-GYN at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center/Parkland Hospital. From 2002 to 2004, she served as a UB clinical instructor in OB-GYN.

**Ben Koenig, MD '97**, has been named director of the new Chest Pain Center at Buffalo General Hospital (BGH) that opened in May. The goal of the center is to reduce heart attack mortality rates by teaching the public to recognize and react to the early symptoms of a possible heart attack, reduce the time it takes to receive treatment

and increase the accuracy and effectiveness of treatment. The center provides quick evaluation, diagnosis and treatment of acute coronary syndromes (ACS) and heart failure in the emergency room through a protocol-driven and systematic approach to patient management. It also allows for intensive monitoring of patients in a dedicated observation unit that is away from the emergency room setting while physicians determine whether or not the patient is actually having a coronary event.

Koenig completed his emergency medicine training at the William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, MI, in 2000 and joined BGH as an emergency physician in 2001.

## 2000s

**Michael Duff, MD '01**, writes: "I graduated from the University of Minnesota residency in radiation oncology. I got married in June of 2006 to Jennifer, who is from Minnesota. We recently moved back to Buffalo. I joined Western New York Radiation Oncology and I specialize in prostate cancer and breast cancer. E-mail address is [michaelduff7@yahoo.com](mailto:michaelduff7@yahoo.com)." 



Podolsky family

## In Memoriam

**M. Luther Musselman, MD '37**, born on April 16, 1913, died on February 7, 2007.

**Maurice W. Schachtel, MD '37**, born on May 24, 1913, died on January 23, 2007.

**David H. Weintraub, MD '37**, born on November 11, 1911, died on March 1, 2007.

**Jack Milowsky, MD '39**, born on November 23, 1914, died on February 8, 2007.

**Theodore C. Jewett Jr, MD '45**, born on July 29, 1920, died on May 12, 2006.

**Adolphe J. Schoepfli, MD '45**, born on January 14, 1917, died on March 18, 2007.

**William R. Taylor, MD '45**, born on February 7, 1920, died on October 27, 2006.

**William F. Austin, MD '51**, born on March 8, 1921, died on March 29, 2006.

**Jack S. Waxler, MD '67**, born on March 27, 1942, died on October 8, 2005.

**Carl T. Hanks, DDS '69, PhD '70**, born on August 10, 1939, died on September 14, 2006.